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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend the International Application No. PCT/ EP00/05863 upon entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II as follows:

In the claims

Claims 1-60 are pending. Please amend claims 4, 8, 12, 15-17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 28-33, 40, 44, 50-57 as follows:

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4. A method according to claim 3, which further comprises the steps of:
 - a) contacting the compounds identified in claim 3 with mitochondria in the presence of a substrate for respiration in the presence of a buffer system and in the presence of AMP and measuring an index of metabolic rate; and
 - b) comparing the metabolic rate in step (a) with claim 3 step (b); and